### SOOCHOW AND ITS WORKING MEN.

500CHOW, China. has more trades unions than of the United States, and its workare better organized than those I have spent some time studylabor situation, and I find that ple can give us pointers on many

w is one of the labor centers of and it has ten suburban towns size where Boston has one. There 000 people living within a radius miles of it; and these are huddled in a hundred cities which range in m a few thousand to a hundred and in about one hundred thouages and hamlets.

hole country is a beehive of work. s all kinds of silks, satins and cotwell as manufactures of iron, rn and glass. Within the last five great cotton and silk mills have up about it. These are worked by ill engaged in house industry and factories employing about a dozer There are more than 100,000 people a large fur business, a fan busi

an employer to death some years who opposed the working men had

the crime were arrested and tried

Fines are commo few weeks ago a man was form indle of straw at the new dock His eyes had been ut and laid in a basin beside hin otted the docks and forbidden all work

instance is known of a cooper wh ordered to work at lower wages tha e required by his guild. e from the magistrate and it could no be disobeved, but this workers disobeved, but this workman co is right hand and came with the bleed atump before the magistrate and de-need him. After that the union probhad no further trouble.

INA AS THE WORKINGMAN'S COUNTRY.

e are accustomed to look upon China he hell of the laboring man. There are act, few places where such men have e rights and where their unions have e weight. It is true that hours are and wages are low, but these are con ons brought about by others things than oppression of capital. As far as I car officials are all afraid of the work and public sentiment has as muc the here as at home. In building rail s and establishing factories the union have to be fought. Even the empero-fraid of them, and Li Hung Chang t as he was, did not dare to fight A monument of the power of the opposite the great city of Tien Tsin consists of a number of stone piers which the railroad from the seaper that from the coal mines were to cross the city. The boatmen wanted the The beatmen wanted the ness of transferring passengers and cht across the river; they objected to bridge and said the station should be

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The Trades Unions of China and How They Are Affecting the Modern Invasion. ...

held out for a time, but the union was so strong that he at last put his station on the side of the river opposite the city, and there it is to this day. Li Hung Chang had an income which is supposed to have approximated a million dollars a year. These boatmen each made fifty cents or less per day, but combined they brought the great viceroy to terms. ese empire. It is bigger than Bos- SLOP CARRIERS AND THE MAGIS-TRATES.

Another instance of the power of such nions happened shortly before I visited Nanking. That city has a population of half a million. It is noted for its rich men, its dandies and its extravagant officials. There is a magistrate there who has an income which runs high into the tens of

thousands of dollars a year, and he nat-urally feels his importance, for he stands at the top of the heap.

At the very bottom of the Chinese social pile is the slop carrier. The cities here have no modern conveniences, and all the garbage, dish washings and slops of every description are carried out of each bouse every day by men who have the special trade of slop carriers. These men carry the slops out through the city in great wooden buckets, each man having two buckets hung to the ends of a long pole which rests on one shoulder. They are often bare to the waist, and the buckets bob up and down as they swing along through the streets. Outside of the natural courtesy shown to the burden carrier by getting out of his way every sensible one eps aside for the slop man,

Not along ago one of these fellows was rotting along grunting as he went through one of the busiest streets of Nanking, when a magistrate strutted around a corner and was justled by him. One of the buckets was spilled, and a part of the slop flew ver the magistrate's gown of lavender satin. His excellency became very angry. He ordered the slop man to be taken to tail and told him he would punish him severely. The text day there was no slop carried out of Nanking, for the slop men had struck; they refused to lift a bucket the same the next day, and in a short time the conditions were far worse than they uld be in Boston or St. Louis if all the ewas were plugged and the garbage men prevented from working. The city stank so that even the Chinese could stand it no nger. They rose en masse and the magis rate had to give in.

Similar strikes have recently occurred at hanghal from the contractors increasing he weight of the buckets in which the

he last of the year all barbers are busy, much more as he can, or then everybody must be shaved, and OUR MINISTER AS A JAM EATER.

the foreign invasion. They fear that the for three rounds of beef every day for a month. This was too much beef for one man and the backelor gagged. Consul Genman and the backelor gagged. f an uprising on this account. The worknachinery. A Chinese from America startd a shoe factory not long ago. He im orted some of our labor-saving tools, but he cobblers broke in and smashed them. They reduced the shor-sewing machine to crap iron. The Shoemakers' union deounced the employer, and he had to quit usiness. Some of the modern silk mills of anton were similarly treated years ago, as vere also cotton mills in different parts of

Nevertheless, the Chinese quickly learn ow to handle the most complicated mod-rn machinery. They can do anything, and hey have made steel rails and locomotives s well as all sorts of cannon and rifles.

THE WHEELBARROW UNION.

In opening up railroads our capitalists will have the opposition of the Cartmen's union, the Boatmen's union and the Wheelarrow union. It seems strange to speak of a wheelbarrow union, but there are thousands of such organizations here, covring all parts of the country. The wheelbarrows are the drays of the cities, and they are to a large extent the freight cars of the country. They are used to carry passengers as well as freight, and the mions will oppose the introduction of elecvic cars on the claim that they will injure heir business. There are in Shanghai alone almost sono passenger and cargo wheelbarrows, each of which pays a license of 600 cash, or about 75 cents per month. The license until within a short time was 400 cash, or 50 cents a month, and the raising of it has now brought about a big strike on the part of the Wheelbarrow union. The officials claim that the wheelbarrow men can easily pay this amount, as they make about \$15 a month in silver, or \$7 in gold, and that this is ample to keep themselves and their families. A similar strike took place some years ago, when the Heense fee was raised from 25 to 50 cents

a month. THE SERVANTS' UNION. Among the curious unions are those of

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here, where shaving consists not only in taking the hair from the face, but from the swhole of the head, except the spot on the crown where the pig tail sprouts out. The tarbers go about from place to place, carrying their tools with them. During the summer the most of the work is done in the pen air, the barber usually carrying his stool along with him.

The trade is considered a menial one, and or a long time, according to custom, no along time, according to the title rary xaminations through which alone offices re-obtained. The barbers' unions demand. te obtained. The barbers' unions demand-d that this be changed. They were refused recently took a Wenchow man into his WAGES AN is many places, but they carried their ap house as a servant. The Shanghai unton the standard places but they carried their ap house as a servant. The Shanghai unton the standard places have done objected and forty of its members broke triking, until they at last got what they into the house and took out the Wenchow although the weavers' guilds here problem of manded for taking on an apprendant they are the striking on the parents frequently furnish the ave brought the province and empire to wife sent out her riksha cooley to bring at a

The barbers' unions regulate wages in him and broke his arm. fferent districts. In the Ningpo district In these union meetings whenever a serv- vasion of foreign machinery has increased served out his full time, and no one can hey charge \$1 a week, and in certian other and takes a new place he asks for a report slaces they also regulate the prices of on the master and mistress, and the other having. The Wenchow Barbers' union results passed a law forbidding their members and give a full statement as to his or earlier to shampoo their customers, and they her habits whether he or she is pleasant to hampoo their customers, and they have also an absolute rule that no harber to live with, whether he or she drinks and half clean ears during the last six days whether there is a fair chance for cumshow whether there is a fair chance for cumshow whether here is a fair chance for cumshow whether here is a fair chance for cumshow whether here is a fair chance for cumshow whether there is a fair chance for cumshow whether here is a fair chance and the other where is very low, rauging from three to premier and where is a way from the can be wised and the ports. The pay size is a surrounce of for can wages only at the ports. The pay size is a surrounce of the pay size is a surrounce of the pay is a surrounce of the pa hall clean ears during the last six days whether there is a fair chance for cumshaw of the year. A part of every ordinary shave a china is the cleaning and scraping the archive has percentage on all that case he expects to make his percentage on all that case he comes into the house in the way of maximum, or posses, and the operation takes time. At keting and I might also say to make as he have of the year all barkers are him.

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the men servants who work for foreigners.

HOW THE BARBERS BULLDOZED
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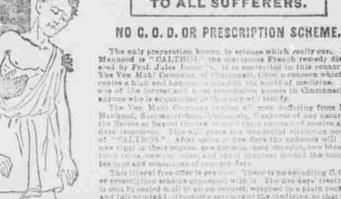
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